



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SUMMIT
MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

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Monday, June 8, 2015

12:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-2958)

Lunch Served (12:00- 12:15)

Call to Order and introduction of Ana Maria Garcia, Treasurer, LACCW, Chair and facilitator, Summit. (12:20-12:25)

President Becky A. Shevlin, President, LACCW (15-2571)

President Becky A. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Present: President Becky A. Shevlin, Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D., Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Community Member: Dr. Genevieve Clavreul

Excused: Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Opening Remarks. (12:25-12:30)

Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia welcomed the attendees and thanked them for taking time to come and discuss some of the issues that women are currently facing and how the CW can collaborate with other Commissions to address these common issues.

2. Sharing of Mission, Goals and Overview of each Commission/Entity, including current projects/issues being addressed. (12:30-12:45)

- President Shevlin (15-2574)

All in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and provide an overview of the duties, goals, missions and responsibilities of their respective Commissions.

Araceli Campos, President, City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women, provided an overview of LCSW's goals and mission. She stated that she also serves on the Commission is in support of the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW), a statewide coalition of volunteers. The group meets in January and June each year.

Morna Cornell, City of Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), stated that she was the past president of PCSW and introduced Charlotte Bland as speaker.

Charlotte Bland, Chair, PCSW, provided an overview of the PCSW initiatives, goals and mission. She stated that PCSW initiative is to advise the Pasadena City Council on the special needs and concerns of women of all ages, races, ethnic, social circumstances, cultural and economic backgrounds. The PCSW duties are to recommend programs and legislation to promote and insure equal rights and opportunities to all women in Pasadena.

She also stated that the PCSW is currently discussing and planning town hall or community chat meetings to collaborate with other agencies in Pasadena to dialogue and provide information to women in Pasadena.

In addition, she stated that PCSW collaborated with Mount Saint Mary's University on the 2015 California Status of Women and Girls Report.

She further stated that PCSW invited the LACCW to attend their March 2015 event. The event was successful and was well attended. The City of Pasadena's Mayor Terry Tornek attended the event and the event was sponsored by over thirty different women's organizations.

Anne Wolf, City of Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, stated that over the past thirty years the PCSW has published a survival guide which is used by provider agencies as well as the Pasadena Police Department to assist them in their efforts of providing referrals to the community.

The PCSW is funded by the City of Pasadena with an operating account of less than \$20,000.

Becky A. Shevlin, Chair, LACCW, stated that she was appointed to the LACCW in 2009 and the Commission began in 1975. Members are appointed by all five Board of Supervisors. LACCW is charged to look into the inequities of women in Los Angeles County. LACCW has focused on educating, motivating and inspiring women over the past several years. The Commission's main source of funding comes from the CW's annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon and funds from the Luncheon are used to provide programming to women and girls through donating to collaborating agencies and organizations as well as providing educational scholarships to students through the CW's Girls-At-Risk program, who are pursuing higher education.

II. DISCUSSIONS

3.

Discussion and identification of major concerns/issues facing women and girls in the Communities served. (12:45-1:15)

- Alice Petrossian, Vice President, LACCW. (15-2575)

Vice President Petrossian asked that Commissioners recommend ideas that the Commissions can work collaboratively on.

A brief discussion was held and the Commissioners made the following recommendations:

Create a voice for leadership and gender parity, Women homeless veterans, safe housing for victims of violence, Domestic Violence Shelters, Mental health services, human trafficking, collaboration, education, economic equality and violence against women.

After discussion the Commissioners identified three distinct areas that they can focus on, which are: collaboration, human trafficking and leadership.

4. Discussion and recommendations on how Commissions can address identified concerns and issues and specifically how can Commissions work collaboratively to achieve same. (1:15-1:35)

- Vice President Petrossian (15-2593)

Vice President Petrossian suggested that the Commissions meet at least twice each year, mid-year and at the end of the year. Discussion regarding creating a liaison for the Commissions will be held during the CW August 2015 Retreat meeting.

5. Next Steps. (1:35 - 1:50)

- Treasurer Garcia (15-2594)

Treasurer Garcia stated that for the next step the Commissions should keep the conversation regarding common issues and goals going by exchanging information such as their email address and Commission meeting dates. She closed by quoting Harriet Tubman "Every great dream begins with a dreamer...patients, passion to reach the stars and change the world".

6. Closing Remarks - President Shevlin. (1:50-1:55) (15-2576)

President Shevlin announced that the Girls-At-Risk scholarship filing period is now open and the application submittal deadline is Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The Women of the Year nomination is forthcoming and Commissioners should start thinking of potential candidates.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

7. Public Comment. (15-2668)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

8. Adjournment for the meeting of June 8, 2015. (15-2577)

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.